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To designate the museum operated by the Secretary of Energy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, as the “American Museum of Science and Energy”, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAMP (for himself, Mr. TANNER, Mr. FORD, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. GORDON, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. JENKINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF AMERICAN MUSEUM OF**
4 **SCIENCE AND ENERGY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Museum—

6 (1) is designated as the “American Museum of
7 Science and Energy”; and

1 (2) shall be the official museum of science and
2 energy of the United States.

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
4 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
5 States to the Museum is deemed to be a reference to the
6 “American Museum of Science and Energy”.

7 (c) PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The name “American Mu-
9 seum of Science and Energy” is declared the prop-
10 erty of the United States.

11 (2) INJUNCTION.—Whoever, except as author-
12 ized by the Secretary, uses or reproduces the name
13 “American Museum of Science and Energy”, or a
14 facsimile or simulation of such name in such manner
15 as suggests “American Museum of Science and En-
16 ergy”, may be enjoined from such use or reproduc-
17 tion at the suit of the Attorney General upon com-
18 plaint by the Secretary.

19 (3) EFFECT ON OTHER RIGHTS.—This sub-
20 section shall not be construed to conflict or interfere
21 with established or vested rights.

22 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY.**

23 To carry out the activities of the Museum, the Sec-
24 retary may—

1 (1) accept and dispose of any gift, devise, or be-
2 quest of services or property, real or personal, that
3 is—

4 (A) designated in a written document by
5 the person making the gift, devise, or bequest
6 as intended for the Museum; and

7 (B) determined by the Secretary to be suit-
8 able and beneficial for use by the Museum;

9 (2) operate a retail outlet on the premises of
10 the Museum for the purpose of selling or distrib-
11 uting items (including mementos, food, educational
12 materials, replicas, and literature) that are—

13 (A) relevant to the contents of the Mu-
14 seum; and

15 (B) informative, educational, and tasteful;

16 (3) collect reasonable fees where feasible and
17 appropriate;

18 (4) exhibit, perform, display, and publish mate-
19 rials and information of or relating to the Museum
20 in any media or place;

21 (5) consistent with guidelines approved by the
22 Secretary, lease space on the premises of the Mu-
23 seum at reasonable rates and for uses consistent
24 with such guidelines; and

1 (6) use the proceeds of activities authorized
2 under this section to pay the costs of the Museum.

3 **SEC. 3. MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY TO USE VOLUNTEERS.**—The Sec-
5 retary may recruit, train, and accept the services of indi-
6 viduals or entities as volunteers for services or activities
7 related to the Museum.

8 (b) **STATUS OF VOLUNTEERS.**—

9 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), service by a volunteer under subsection
11 (a) shall not be considered Federal employment.

12 (2) **EXCEPTIONS.**—

13 (A) **FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT.**—For
14 purposes of chapter 171 of title 28, United
15 States Code, a volunteer under subsection (a)
16 shall be treated as an employee of the govern-
17 ment (as defined in section 2671 of that title).

18 (B) **COMPENSATION FOR WORK INJU-**
19 RIES.—For purposes of subchapter I of chapter
20 81 of title 5, United States Code, a volunteer
21 described in subsection (a) shall be treated as
22 an employee (as defined in section 8101 of title
23 5, United States Code).

24 (c) **COMPENSATION.**—A volunteer under subsection
25 (a) shall serve without pay, but may receive nominal

1 awards and reimbursement for incidental expenses, includ-
2 ing expenses for a uniform or transportation in further-
3 ance of Museum activities.

4 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

5 For purposes of this Act:

6 (1) MUSEUM.—The term “Museum” means the
7 museum operated by the Secretary of Energy and lo-
8 cated at 300 South Tulane Avenue in Oak Ridge,
9 Tennessee.

10 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Energy or a designated representa-
12 tive of the Secretary.

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